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EDUCATOR NEWS

South Pasadena Public Library - Children's Services Librarians
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News from the Library

The South Pasadena Public Library's Summer Reading Program (SRP) concluded on Saturday, July 31 and was a great success. Together, South Pasadenans read over 8,784 hours this summer, an incredible 1,050 hours more than last year! 541 registered readers submitted 278 book reviews on Beanstack, the library's reading tracking app since 2019. A total of 2,587 Beanstack badges were earned, which encouraged participants to complete various activities and try out Library resources: 53 participants read an ebook or eaudiobook on OverDrive or on the Libby App, 52 started language learning on Mango Languages, and 31 streamed a film on Kanopy.

Teen SRP Volunteers provided 1,190 hours of service, writing reviews, writing letters to seniors, chalking SRP messages on sidewalks around town, and assisting at the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library's special book sale.

The Library's Children's Services team presented 9 pre-recorded storytimes, which may still be viewed on the Library's YouTube channel at www.southpasadenaca.gov/spplyoutube. Families picked up Take & Make Craft kits, giving them the opportunity to complete fun art projects at home. Wonderful Wednesdays programs were well attended, even though they were presented online. Closed captioning and an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter by request allowed more kids and families to enjoy these special events.

Children's Services Librarian Judy Neeb was pleased with the community's response to the SRP. "Since the start of our Summer Reading Program coincided with the Library's abridged services, it was a joy to be able to connect and share South Pasadena's passion for literacy and literature with parents, children, and teens both virtually and in-person."

The Library's Summer Reading Program was made possible thanks to the financial support of the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library. To learn more about the Friends, visit their website at www.friendsofsopaslibrary.org.

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Library Modified In-Person Services



- Browse the collection and borrow items
 - Pick up and check out holds
 - Print and make copies
 - Sit and study inside
 - Get help from librarians
 - Use the restrooms
 - Make a Materials Matchmaker request
 - 1st floor Friends of the Library Last Chance Book Sale
 - Friends of the Library 2nd floor Bookstore
 - Use a public computer
- (One hour session per day per person)

Library Modified In-Person Services are available
during the following hours:

Monday - Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Face coverings required regardless of vaccination status.

Limited capacity and social distancing required in Children's Room.

The health and safety of library customers and staff is a top priority. The South Pasadena Public Library complies with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Health Officer Order and all County issued guidelines for library and retail services to help protect customers and staff when spending time inside the library.

Indoor seating is available on a first come, first served basis.

To enter the library, customers must wear a covering over their mouth and nose at all times (ages 2 and up), maintain six feet of distance from people not in their household, must not have symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, difficulty breathing, fever, or chills), and not have had contact with someone with a case of COVID-19 in the last 10 days or be under isolation or quarantine orders.

Educational Support



Our librarians are eager to work with schools and preschools to promote reading and library services!

We offer Zoom virtual presentations or in-person visits for up to 15 students.

Due to the limited space in the library, any in-person visits will be conducted outside the library.

To schedule a class visit, [please fill out this form](#) at least two weeks prior to your requested date(s) and time(s).



Visit our [Educator's Page](#) to learn more about our various resources.

[Children's Programs](#)

[Children's Literary Resources](#)

[Children's Educational Resources](#)

[Teen Homework Resources](#)

[Teen College Prep Resources](#)

Call or email us! We're here to help!

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[Hispanic Heritage Month Picture Books](#)

[Hispanic Heritage Month Juvenile Fiction](#)

[Hispanic Heritage Month Biographies](#)

[Newbery Medal Award Winners](#)

[Caldecott Medal Award Winners](#)

[Spooky Books for Halloween](#)

Library Resources



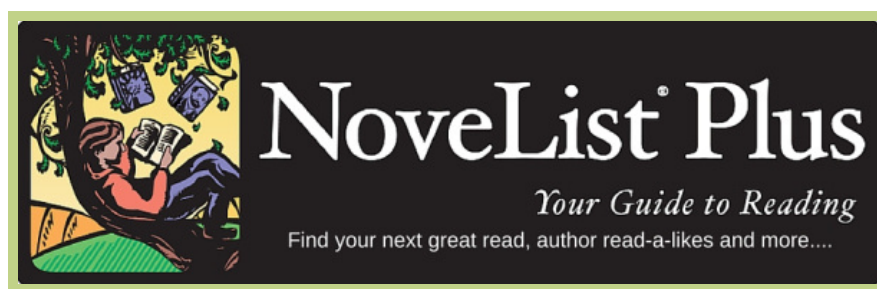
Specialized online tutors for Math, Science, English, Social Studies, Essay Writing, resume writing, job hunting, help with Excel, and more!

Live tutors are available from 12:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. in English and Spanish.

Live tutoring services do not require a free account, but with one, extra services such as math problem and essay drop-off, practice quizzes, and more are available.

Access on your favorite desktop browser, or on Android or iOS devices through the app.

Sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Library.



NoveList Plus answers the question: What should I read next?

Explore reading recommendations including reviews, articles, lists and more for both fiction and nonfiction. For all ages! Log in with your valid library card number.

South Pasadena Public Library Local History Collection

The Local History Collection collects and preserves our community's memory for current and future generations. The collection consists of a variety of materials relating to many aspects of South Pasadena history.

Some major categories include: historical photographs, newspapers, local yearbooks, city directories, biographical files, and city landmarks.

Explore our online Research Guides.

Research requests may be submitted to the Local History Librarian at localhistory@southpasadenaca.gov or (626) 403-7359.



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South Pasadena Public Library Fall In-Person Storytimes

September 21 - November 20

Preschool Storytime

For ages 3 to 5

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

September 21 - November 16

Toddler Storytime

For ages 1 to 3

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

September 23 - November 18

Family Storytime

For all ages

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

September 25 - November 20

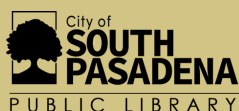
Storytimes will be held outside in the Library Park, weather permitting.

Masks are required for ages 2 and up.

Attendees should bring a blanket to sit on the grass as well as sunscreen.

Storytimes are subject to cancellation,

per Los Angeles County Department of Public Health guidelines.



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South Pasadena Public Library Fall Children's Programs



South Pasadena students from Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited to write a spooky story in celebration of Halloween.

All entries are to be delivered to the South Pasadena Public Library Children's Services desk by Saturday, September 18.

The winners will be announced in mid-October.

Entry forms are available at the library and on the [library's website](#).



Stop by the library and pick up a craft kit for children ages 3 and up.

Each kit will have instructions to create the craft. All materials will be provided except for scissors, glue, and crayons.

Take & Make Kits will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, starting when the library opens, while supplies last.

Follow us on social media for specific craft details!



1000 Books Before Kindergarten: For ages 0 - 5

Reading Explorers: For ages 6 - 12

100 Books Before College: For ages 13 - 18

Set new reading goals. Start at any time. Read at your own pace.

Visit www.southpasadenaca.beanstack.org/reader365 to register



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SCARY STORY CONTEST



August 23 - September 18

For Children & Teens - Grades Kindergarten through 12th

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All entries are to be delivered to the South Pasadena Public Library Children's Services desk by Saturday, September 18.

The winners will be announced in mid-October.

Official Rules

- Entries will be judged according to four age categories.
- Stories can be up to 300 words, or 1 page typed. Entry form must be attached to the submitted story.
- One entry per person.
- No weapons may be used in the story.
- All entries must be the original work of the student. Parents may transcribe a young child's entry.
- Entries will be judged for creativity and originality.
- The winning entries will be featured on the library's website and social media.

Child's/Teen's Name: _____

Grade: _____ **School:** _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____

All entries must have a parent or guardian signature as approval for the story to be submitted into the Scary Story Contest. Participants agree that the story will become the property of the South Pasadena Public Library.

This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library.



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South Pasadena Public Library Presents

EVERYBODY TALKS

A Thematic Book Club For Teens



Explore new titles and genres with Everybody Talks, a Teen Book Club where the theme changes each month!

Meeting Dates & Themes for 2021

Wednesday, September 22: Food

Wednesday, October 27: Spooky & Horror

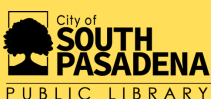
Wednesday, December 1: Book to Movie

The Everybody Talks Book Club meets at 4:00 p.m.
Location details to be determined.

Register at www.southpasadenaca.gov/register

For ages 13 to 17

**Questions? Contact TAB Librarian, Anne Armacost, at
aarmacost@southpasadenaca.gov**



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